



# Joondalup Mens Shed Bench Press

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### **EDITORIAL**

*It is with great trepidation that I have been handed the position of the third editor of the Bench Press. Reg Luther has done a grand job as editor for the last four or five years. Reg has a great persuasive personality and following several months of that persuasive personality I relented and said "ok I'll do it"*

*I am looking forward to having a go as editor of the newsletter and hope that you the members will send in contributions to help the Mens'Shed keep up with the latest happenings and any items of interest.*

*Merv Pearce*



### **Welcome Wednesday**

On Wednesday 27th September members were treated to the monthly sausage sizzle lunch.

The meal very capably cooked by the regular "chefs" Geoff Guard, Ron McMillan and Dave Fiorini. A delicious soup cooked by Frank Antulov complemented the meal.

Thanks fellers, that was great.

Welcome Wednesdays are held on the last Wednesday of each month.

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From left Geoff Guard, Ron McMillan and Dave Fiorini preparing the sausage sizzle on the barbecue.

## President's Report to Sixth Annual General Meeting 17th August, 2017.



At the beginning of the year we were hoping to get another year added to our lease with the Department of Education or things were going to be very tough for us. Mayor Troy Pickard instigated discussion with the Minister for Education and was

instrumental in getting that extension till the end of 2019.

Thanks to all those involved in granting us this extension.

We are moving forward slowly to achieve our aim of a new workshop by the end of 2019. Michael and I met with a planning group from the City of Joondalup who are putting together a business plan for us. We still haven't been given a site but are looking at the possible site being on MacDonald reserve. There are some issues to be researched before we will know of a final acceptable site. In the mean time we've spoken to Lotterywest who are sending out their guidelines for a grant application. The City requires us to have our funding in place by March 2018. This will need a site and lease details in place before we can apply for funding. The City of Joondalup staff has been very helpful and we look forward to working with them to get a workshop up and running.

Everyone we have talked to understands the enormous benefit the Men's Shed is to the growing number of retired men in the City. This number grows daily. We frequently get 2 or 3 new members each week. Currently we have 140 financial members with another 100 on our books, many of whom we expect to renew their membership. We had 240 members prior to June 30.

We rely on our members to be involved in the shed activities. Our survival is dependent on all members helping in some way. Thanks to all of you who have helped the shed in some way either at sausage sizzles, market stalls, making toys, repairing furniture or in the actual running of the shed.

The hardest worker in the shed is Michael and we thank him for his incredible ability to get things done. Last year I outlined all the things

that Michael does. He has done even more this year. Michael is stepping down from the secretary's position and I will miss his ability and help. He is taking on the job of treasurer. Thank you Ron Slavin and Reg Luther for your help over the past year. Thank you Don Atkinson and Steve Thatcher for your work as Treasurer And Assistant Treasurer. Special thanks to those members who have helped out as Supervisors throughout the year. This is a very important part of our shed.

Michael will report on our finances. I would like to mention that we now have \$150 000 dollars in our building fund. This is an incredible achievement.

We were able to get a \$5000 grant from Local Projects Local Jobs. This will be used to upgrade some of our machines. We look forward to thanking Emily Hamilton for her help in getting this grant when she visited the shed on the 31st of August.

Unfortunately we have had to say a final farewell throughout the year to Ron Height Aug 2016, Chris Siney Oct 2016, Odd Fraroud Dec 2016, Trevor Davies Apr 2017 and Ralph Anthony in Aug 2017. They will be missed.

Thank you to Ian Goodenough for being our Patron and helping us to get the ball rolling to get our shed underway.

The last year has been successful and I hope we have provided a place where you our members can come and enjoy the company of other men.

Thank you for the support you have given me. I'm not the most talkative and after a life on the farm have trouble sitting down and relaxing in your company. I do enjoy your friendship.

As we move into our 7th year let us reflect on last year and aim to achieve better outcomes this year.

Bob Allen

### Coming Market days

Poynter Farmers Markets Saturday 7th October

Stirling Community Markets Sunday 22nd October

Mosman Craft Markets Sunday 5th November

Poynter Farmers Markets Saturday 18th November

Joondalup Night Markets Friday 24th November,

1st, 8th and 15th December.

## New Electronic Bar code System for Registering Your Attendance

The New Electronic Scanner



Graham Smith puts the new electronic scanner to the test.



### *How to Operate the Scanner*

Hold your new card just above the black strip on the desk and without lifting the bar code reader, pull the trigger and you should see it register on the laptop in front of you. Do the same on leaving.

If you have any trouble please report it to Barry Fitzsimmons or Reg Luther

If for any reason the bar code reader is not working please sign in using the book as usual.

The new Bar Code membership cards are now available and are contained in an old butter container at the front entrance next to the old sign in book.

### *General secretary's request to members*

I have Two requests of each of you;

1. I am trying to put together an up to date database of all of our financial members because the ones

we currently have are considerably out of date and

it is important from an OH&S point of view that we keep everything current.

I know it is a pain, but for the couple of minutes it will take each of you to complete it will make it easier for all of us.

Please either print off your completed form and place on my desk in the office or e-mail back to me at the address on the form.

2. We are looking for TWO persons to take on the Bunnings Sausage Sizzles for the next 12 months.

On average this would only be about once a month

but would require buying the snags and bread rolls and drinks etc, and then arranging the Roster for each of the days required and supervising.

I cannot believe that out of 160 financial members we cannot come up with two persons who would be prepared to assist with this task as it means a lot to the shed's financial viability.

Please contact me if you are prepared to volunteer as I think it is time for someone new to step up as

neither Michael or myself will be doing it in the future.

Thanking you in anticipation

*John Spence*



# Members Hobby Day

## Tuesday 15th September



Champion gadget man Derek Ball displaying some of his ingenious creations.



Geoff Chantler steaming up to show his working model steam engines



Colin Knight proudly showing his vintage motor cycles



John Martin displaying his interesting creations



Whistle blower Syd Old showing his artistic wood work

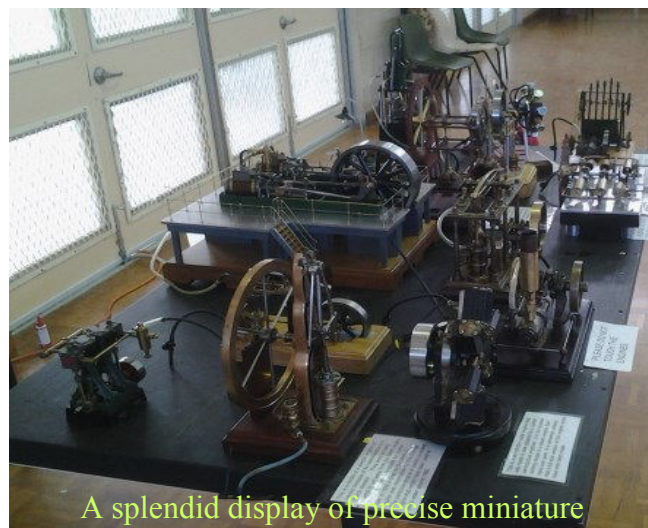


John Rowsell Displaying his collection of vintage telephones





Andrew Blackmore Showing his models of ships



A splendid display of precise miniature

engineering of working steam engines by Guest hobbyist Ian McDonald



← Sanny Ang demonstrating his origami skills

What a marvelous hobby show, it was interesting to see the different hobbies and talents that some of our shedders have. Let's hope that we can have another hobby day in the future, it would be good to see more members participate in showing their skills and talents. Many thanks to Geoff Chantler for organizing the show. Well done. Geoff.

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August we were honoured with a visit by Emily Hamilton, local member for Joondalup. Emily provided morning tea for members and was instrumental for a donation of \$5000 for the Shed.



Emily presenting the cheque to President Bob Allen

# Obituary Notices

## Ralph Albert Anthony passing 8<sup>th</sup> August

Tony Brewer for Ralph Anthony's Obituary . Burial service at karrkatta Cemetery 10<sup>th</sup> August

Today for all of us is a sad day especially the Men of the Joondalup Men's Shed.

We have lost another of our treasured members in Ralph Anthony, and for those who took the time to talk with him would have found what a great member he was.

Ralph joined our Shed way back in January 2013, not an active member in the sense he used machines or got involved in the workshop or even in the paint shop, but he was there every Monday through to Thursday when he could, but his enjoyment came in the form of meeting and talking to other members on a variety of subjects.

He being a rather frail man in statue, he was a big man in wisdom and when you got into conversation with him, his wealth of knowledge about many things astounded many of us.

Because he stayed mainly in our community room and used our comfy lounge and dropped off for that quick nap, then he would drift outside to his favourite hideaway for a smoke, of course the comment would arise "we know where you've been" Ralphy," you know that'll stunt your growth", and some of his replies would be quite hilarious, and that was his way of enjoying his day at the Shed.

Yes Ralph will be missed as we honoured him with an Award as "the Overseer", our silent watchman to report on those guys who may not be complying with the Shed rules, like borrowing or taking items and not returning them on time.

It's been said that our first names given to us at birth most times depict the type of person we are and in Ralph's name for the time we have known him certainly fits the character, so let's break it down:



The letter: R..... Regular each week.

A..... Always responded to a conversation or comment.

L .....Loved being a Men's Shed Member.

P .....Proud and definitely personal.

H ..... Humorous when the occasion arose.

On 25th September we lost one of our members who was a foundation member of the JMS.

**Malcolm Burton** was a foundation Treasurer and a compulsive sender of jokes which kept members of the shed amused on many occasions.

We would like to offer Malcolm's wife Elizabeth and his family our sincere condolences.





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An old man was eating in a truck stop when three bikers walked in.

The first walked up to the old man, pushed his cigarette into the old man's pie and then took a seat at the counter.

The second walked up to the old man, spat into the old man's meal and then he took a seat at the counter.

The third walked up to the old man, turned over the old man's plate, and then he took a seat at the counter. Onlookers were completely shocked at the men's behavior, but the old man didn't seem to be fazed in the slightest.

Without a word of protest, he quietly left the diner. Shortly thereafter, one of the bikers said to the waitress, "Humph, not much of a man, was he?"

The waitress replied, "Not much of a truck driver either. He just backed his truck over three motorcycles."

**Attendance figures for the Month of August**

Period	Week Start	Week End	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Weekly Total
Week 1	8/1/2017	8/6/2017		52	35	21	25	8	0	7 Ladies 141
Week 2	8/7/2017	8/13/2017	16	52	33	22	15	0	0	138
Week 3	8/14/2017	8/20/2017	28	50	35	51	15	0	5	4 Ladies 184
Week 4	8/21/2017	8/27/2017	23	49	34	26	22	0	0	154
Week 5	8/28/2017	8/31/2017	22	46	41	37	0	0	0	146
<b>Total</b>			89	249	178	157	77	8	5	
<b>Weekly Average</b>			22.25	49.80	35.6	31.4	19.25	8		763

**Total for the 763**

# Bunnings Sausage Sizzles

**Friday 27th October****Friday 24th November****Friday 22nd December**

Volunteers are always required for these sausage sizzles. Please consider putting your hand up to volunteer. The sizzle is usually done in two hour shifts so it doesn't take much of your time and it is always good fun, you also meet a lot of interesting people.



# Birthday wishes to the following Shedders

<i>David Urquhart</i>	<i>Terry Waring</i>	<i>Doug Williamson</i>	<i>Graham Woodcock</i>
<i>Milan Uskokovic</i>	<i>Peter Wass</i>	<i>Brian Willis</i>	<i>Royce Woodhouse</i>
<i>Max Walker</i>	<i>Geoffrey Waters</i>	<i>Neil Winzer</i>	<i>Arthur Yates</i>
<i>Gordon Walsh</i>	<i>Raymond Watkins</i>	<i>Peter Wood</i>	
<i>Bruce Wansborough</i>	<i>Andrew Wells</i>	<i>John Wood</i>	

**A Christmas in August lunch organised by Ron Slavin was held for members and partners at Kingsley Tavern on the 31<sup>st</sup> August. From reports, all had a good time.**

**Photos of the occasion below taken by Reg Luther.**





# New Norcia Excursion

On Sunday 9th July several members and partners enjoyed a day excursion by coach to New Norcia. The coach captain gave an interesting commentary on the way. A roast lunch was served at the historic hotel. The day was organized by Ron Slavin. Thanks Ron for a great day. The collage of pictures below were taken by Reg Luther.



**The Joondalup Men's Shed (JMS) is the local representative and a registered member of the Australian Men's Shed Association. The JMS Patron is Mr. Ian Goodenough, MBA, B.Comm and Federal Member for Moore.**

**Our motto is short way of saying what JMS is all about:  
"Blokes Building Better Communities!"**

**We are all about fostering better overall health and well being for all men. This has an obvious beneficial ripple effect for our members' families, the wider community and the members themselves**